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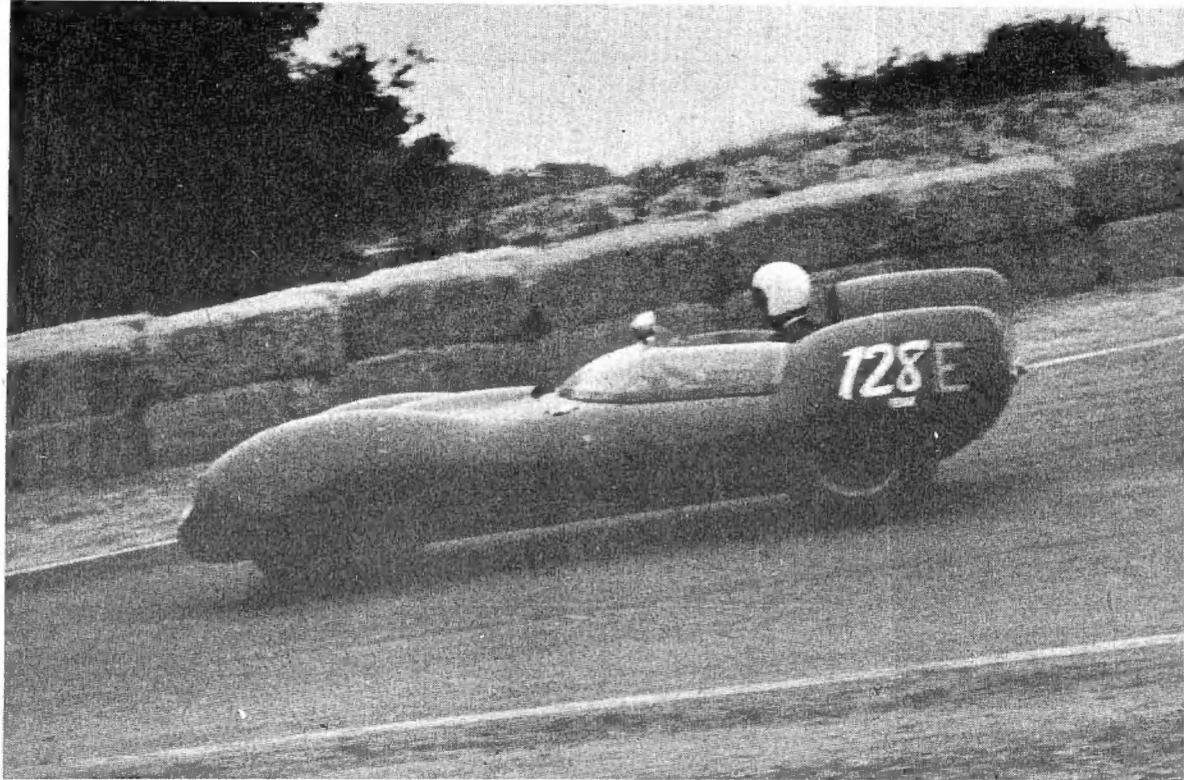
Culver City, Calif.

Oct. 30-Nov. 6, 1959

## Paris Auto Show

AMONG EYE-CATCHERS at the recent Paris Auto Show were these, from top: 1. New 1600 Facellia; 2. Short-chassis Ferrari; 3. GT Aston Martin; 4. What the new Alfa Giuliettas will look like. (MOTORACING Photos by Henry N. Manney II)





GOING DOWNHILL—and fast—is Pat Pigott, star Bellingham, Wash., driver, in his 2-liter Lotus which won the feature race at Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif. ...Black-

flagging of early leaders for "course deviations" enabled Pigott to move in front. (Photo by Jim Peterson)

## Pigott Scores With Lotus At Laguna Seca

By BILL FINEFROCK

MOTORACING Staff Writer

MONTEREY, Calif., Oct. 25.—Two black flags and one mechanical failure paved the way to a main event victory for a two-liter Lotus Le Mans driven by Pat Pigott at the Laguna Seca sports car races today.

An estimated 23,500 persons saw the Bellingham, Wash., car dealer take the checker 19 seconds ahead of a Ferrari-powered Lotus driven by Charles Parsons of Monterey.

Heavy fog, sometimes requiring drivers to turn on their lights, forced an alteration of the race program. The 35-lap main event for class B-E modifieds was run as the third race of the day instead of the last as originally planned to assure that fog would not interrupt the big-bore go.

Skip Hudson, 28-year-old Riverside driver, aboard a 4.2 Ferrari-engined Maserati, took command of

Chart for feature race and qualifying times—Page 6.

the contest until the second go-round when Chuck Howard pushed the Chevy-powered Huffaker speciel into the lead.

### Howard Keeps Lead

Howard, of Woodside, Calif., retained the lead while Sam Weiss' RSK nipped at Hudson's heels for the first six laps. Weiss finally got by Hudson on downhill turn six, continuing a dice between the two cars for second spot until the Sacramento auto dealer's Porsche went out on the 13th lap with a broken rear radius rod.

Misfortune then fell on the second place Hudson, who was black flagged on the 16th lap, charged with 28 course deviations. After being warned by officials, Hudson was permitted to continue. He finished third overall.

Still leading, Howard received a black flag on the 20th lap. After some heated words at start-finish, Chuck elected to retire from the race. He was charged with 22 course deviations.

### Black Flag Incidents

Chief Steward Floyd Gray, referring to the black flag incidents, said "I would rather have the drivers sore at me today than have to face their wives tomorrow." Howard maintained that with big bore

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### Vignettes

By Gus V. Vignolle

- Charity's Slice
- Photogs Boo
- Rap Cal Club

ONE OF MY trusted spies was on the tube to inquire if I knew that there were 125,000 peasants at the recent Times-Mirror charity Riverside race Fandango. I said that was news to me. The Snapper-Wrapper had said 75,000.

Then he asked how much went to charity, since all the flackery had emphasized this angle. I said I did not know. It is "against policy" for the Snapper-Wrapper to divulge this—even if you cracked out your pesos to aid charity.

I told him I had the figures for 1958—and that it was horrendous to be one year late. If it hasn't been printed before it's news, so here goes:

Gross receipts were \$139,969.45. Expenses were \$76,685.54, or 54.79 percent. Times & Mirror charities got \$63,283.91, a real nice nudge.

People who oversee these charitable deals prefer that the expense tab be kept under 50 percent, but there was no holler here, since this was the first time.

The crowd for the 1958 race was listed at 72,000.

In the next issue, MOTORACING will give you the figures for the recent 1959 race. What we won't be able to tell you is what the

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## US Grand Prix On as Slated

SEBRING, Fla., Nov. 3—Recurrent rumors that the first United States Grand Prix (for Formula 1 cars) would not be held here Dec. 12 as scheduled, were vehemently denied today by Alec Ulmann, race director.

Charles Moran, former international driver and present chairman of the U. S. Competition Committee, American arm of FIA, also assured Ulmann the race will remain at Sebring next year—Dec. 10, 1960.

The upcoming race, marking the

first time the European racing cars compete for world drivers' championship on a U. S. road-type course, has been scheduled for 42 laps, 218.4 miles, reports Sebring race secretary Reginald S. Smith.

"We originally talked about a 260-mile race," Smith said, "but the experience at Monza, Italy, gave evidence that tire wear and fuel consumption might be too critical a problem."

"To eliminate the need for installation of large special tanks in the race cars, he held a quick conference with FIA officials and scheduled the 218.4-mile distance."

"International rules require a world championship race be run at least two hours or 300 kilometers. While there is a good chance the average speed will top 100 miles an hour at Sebring, we feel we are safe in establishing the 218-mile formula," Smith said.

Practice will be held Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11, with a one-hour race for 'formula junior' cars on Friday.

The first American-European compact car race will be held Saturday morning, and the Grand Prix classic event Saturday afternoon.

Stirling Moss of England, four times runner-up for the world auto racing championship, arrived in NY aboard the Queen Elizabeth today to compete here.

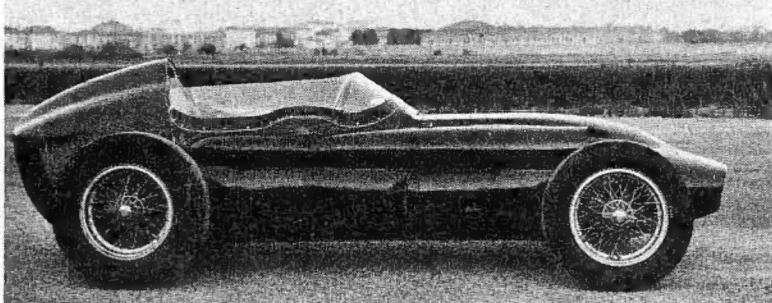


OVERALL VIEW—Against background of the sea and beautiful cypresses, the famed Pebble Beach concours d'elegance was held at Del Monte Lodge during Laguna Seca race week-end. Story on Page 7. (MOTORACING photo by Don Bice)

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This is Vol 5, Issue No. 1  
That means the start of the 5th year of publishing MOTORAC-

ING.  
Please turn to Page 4 for a timely editorial and highlights from MOTORACING for the past four years. And on this page and throughout this issue are congratulatory messages from our faithful advertisers.

To them and to you, the readers, we say thank you for your support.



HERE IS the 415/F Tec Mec Formula 1 car to be raced at the US Grand Prix at Sebring, Fla., Dec. 12, by Jim Rathmann, the noted American Indy pilot.

(Photo copyright by Hans Tanner)

## Big Pro Rally Dates Set

### Pro Movement Spreads to No. Calif.

MONTEREY, Calif., Nov. 3—Spectators at the Oct. 24-25 Laguna Seca sports car races may have seen the last race here without a professional field.

Comments by Sparky Pollard, SCRAMP (Sports Car Racing of Monterey Peninsula) president, led informed observers to believe that the group is searching for a sponsor to put up \$15,000 in prize money to tempt big name drivers and more spectators next year.

Talks between SCRAMP and the San Francisco Examiner reportedly are in preliminary stages in an effort to get the newspaper to sponsor the next race in June.

Exactly where the SF SCCA fits into the 1960 Laguna Seca picture is not readily evident. Some officials are reportedly receptive to a joint sponsorship with USAC.

### EAST, WEST PRELIMS IN JULY

BY GUS V. VIGNOLLE

MOTORACING Staff Writer

On the heels of the successful \$10,000 American Intl. Rally, held recently, came the announcement last week by George Holland, director of the sponsoring American Rally Club, that the second annual will be

staged Nov. 7-11, 1960.

It is estimated the prize fund will range from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Inquiries regarding the second pro event have been received from scores of drivers and navigators in 26 states and six foreign countries.

The 1960 rally has an FIA sanc-

tion, and will be world-calendared for its second running, with points counting for the international rally championship.

Routes and starting points will be announced later.

Sparks Rallymaster

At the same time it was an-

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RUDY CLEYE, left, became first entry for summer pro rally to be staged as prelude to 2nd American Intl. Rally next year. Here he is with Colin Chapman the last time the noted British builder of Lotuses was in L.A. Shot was NOT taken in pawn shop.

# SLIGHTLY MODIFIED

By W. R. C. Shedenhelm

**WELL, SIR,** we finally did it. We finally chopped the beard off after all these many months. Too many creeps started wearing them. Girl creeps, even.

We found a mole under there we didn't even remember having. We vaguely remembered having a chipmunk, but not a mole. Nasty little beggar.

We also found that there was a chin under there. As a matter of fact, two of them. Good grief, we feel naked as a tee-bird.

**Trophies Up To Here**

Gee, we hate to seem to make such a big thing of the trophy we won at that slalom. People will think that we've never won a trophy before. Just look over in that corner, son, and you'll see a whole ruddy case full of trophies. That big one there, right on top, now that's for being on the winning bowling team in an oil camp in central Venezuela. You don't see many like that around these days.

That little one over there, carved from a solid chunk of ice, that's for being one of the few survivors of the notorious 2nd Annual Mt. Baldy Beer Climb. You remember hearing that heroic tale. That big silver one over there, that's for being national high point man in rat slugging.

**Dog Days**

We've been noticing something lately, or rather, not noticing it, and it has begun to bug us a little. As it has to do with autocars, more or less, we were wondering if you had noticed it too, or failed to notice it, as the case may be. Back in our childhood days any good respectable American dog chased cars every chance he had. They just don't seem to do it anymore. Not out here, anyway. It must have started when cars were fairly rare, then got passed on from generation to generation by the older dogs. Somehow, with cars getting as common as fleas on a yellow Dodge, the whole tradition has died out. It seems rather sad, too, that one more segment of the glorious past has drifted into Limbo.

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## LETTERS to the EDITOR

**HOW ABOUT ISCARA?**

I read an ad in another publication about a group called ISCARA (Intl. Sports Car & Racing Assn.). There was a fee connected with joining it, just like that deal in Florida, where some guy wants \$ for a racing team. Can you tell me about it.

**NORMAN G. DAVISON**  
Chicago

**ED. NOTE**—One of the officers of ISCARA has called us twice. We requested info (not an ad) on the group. He promised to send it. He never did. As for that racing team bit, unlike other publications, MOTORACING has not run a line on it.

**PLEASE SMILE, TOM**

Thanks for nothing!  
Been nice knowing you.

**TOM WILSON**  
Niles, Calif.

**ANOTHER CLOWN**

A fellow on a morning paper up here (not J. Hogue), who knows nothing about road racing and less about rallying, gave the recent American Intl. Rally an awful blast... Can you or some of the rally officers set this clown straight?

**SAMUEL LINK**  
San Francisco

**ED. NOTE**—Sorry, we don't bother with clowns.

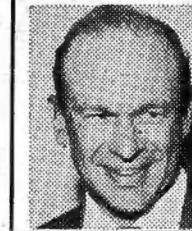
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## PACIFIC COAST Point Standings

By ERIC HAUSER

Class F Production	
1. Frank Aldous	Alfa 40
2. Ron Hathaway	Alfa 31
3. John Lumkin	MGA 24
4. Mike Roetner	Alfa 23
5. Steve Froines	Alfa 22

Class G Production	
1. John English	Alfa 54
2. Dick Hayward	Alfa 45
3. Steve Dredge	MG 29
4. Marshall Swope	MG 19
5. Jack Rebney	Alfa 17

Class H & I Production	
1. Dan Parkinson	Fiat-Abarth 55
2. Jim Parkinson	Fiat-Abarth 41
3. Willie West	Fiat-Abarth 36
4. Paul Cunningham	AH Sprite 32
5. Roy Pickering	AH Sprite 22
6. David Grossman	AH Sprite 20

Class E Modified	
1. Sam Weiss	Porsche RSK 112
2. Ken Miles	Porsche RSK 85
3. Gordy Glycer	Ferrari TR 54
4. Jay Chamberlain	Lotus 32
5. Jack McAfee	Porsche RSK 25

Class F Modified	
1. Bob Drake	Cooper 30
2. Joe Playan	Porsche RS 24
3. Don Wester	Porsche 550 23
4. C. S. Howard	Porsche RSK 20
5. Eldon Beagle	Porsche RS 20
5. Bill Leyden	Oscia 17

Class G Modified	
1. Art Snyder	Lotus 94
2. Frank Monise	Lotus 50
3. James Lowe	Lotus 46
4. Stan Peterson	Lotus 28
4. Jack Reddish	Lotus 28

Class H Modified	
1. Bill Molle	Fairchild 65
2. Harry Jones	Lotus 64
3. Chuck Gounis	Crosley 20
4. Don Miller	Miller 18
4. Bill Wood	DB 18

Class B Production	
1. Bob Bondurant	Corvette 66
2. Vince Mayell	Corvette 44
3. Andy Porterfield	Corvette 34
4. Hugh Harn	Corvette 30
5. Ray Altman	Corvette 24
5. Buford Lane	Corvette 23

Class C Production	
1. Dean Mears	MB 300SL 88
2. Hay Richardson	Jaguar 43
3. Peter Culkin	ME 300SL 29
4. Gail Curver	Jaguar 15
5. Ted Roberts	Jaguar 15

Class D Production	
1. Jack Breskovich	AH 100S 40
2. Jimmy Moore	Porsche GT 39
3. D. D. Michelmore	Porsche GT 32
4. Bob Windhorst	AH 100S 24
4. John Barneum	Porsche GT 24
5. Lew Spencer	AC Bristol 23
6. Al Whatley	Porsche GT 20

Class E Production	
1. Bob Kastner	Triumph 45
2. Ron Buckland	Porsche 31
3. Ron O'Dell	Porsche 30
4. Lew Spencer	Morgan 29
5. Gary Beitel	Porsche 23

**Women - Over 1600cc**

1. Barbara Windhorst—AC Bristol 47

2. Joan Galloway—Lotus 25

3. Mary McGee—AC Bristol 21

4. Lorraine Wood—A-H 16

5. Ginny Sims—Corvette 14

5. Marie Dixon—Maserati 14

**Women - Under 1600cc**

1. Sunnie Baker—Porsche 49

2. Betty Shutes—Porsche RS 42

3. Prudence Baxter—Lotus 30

4. Odette Bigler—MG 24

5. Marion Lowe—Lotus 22

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## • Vignettes

BY GUS V. VIGNOLLE

NOW THEY'RE PLANNING  
A DRIVERS' CLUB HERE

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Cal Club and SCAA got.

### WHY HOLD BACK

And regardless of its power and prestige, the Times-Mirror machine will continue to be MOTORACING's target until the Chandlers wake up to the fact that when they bill an event for charity, the public is entitled to know just what charity got out of the deal.

Why does an institution like the LA Times withhold from the public something it is legitimately entitled to know?

While on this subject, I'd like to point out that for the first time in seven years of covering these deals, I saw a pack of photographers stop and boo someone mentioned over the public address system. We were walking between turns 6 and 7, when the announcer mentioned how Mr. Paul Schissler, who has never won any

for course deviations. I believe, however, his only mistake was in not emphasizing the importance of the order that you were to stay INSIDE the white lines.

### CAL CLUB HIT

There is so much dissatisfaction among a big coterie of Cal Club members that talk has it a drivers' club (similar to the one in SF-Oakland) will be organized . . . not enough racing is the beef, and let's stop losing money . . . Hear they're sailing for a new flack . . . and that they're trying to land Ray Pickering and Art Snyder (excellent choices) on the Board of Pharaohs . . . Tom Dohl, in the So. Bay Daily Breeze (Redondo) refers to LA SCAA as "an emasculated rally club," adds its gone to pot, pubewise, since Geri Fleming and Ann Evans pulled the pin. Josh Hogue, writing about the



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—Photo by Bill Norcross

popularity contest for his handling of the press outside of his own sheet, wanted to thank one and all for their cooperation.

They gave with the bovine moo because they had to pop \$5 for pit passes. These guys generally get photo passes for Cal Club and SCAA races. We had no trouble in this department, no thanks to Schissler. Hugh Pinney, who did such a top publicity job for the show, met our every ducat request.

And you should have heard the



CHUCK STEVENSON CONVINCED RALLYING PROFITABLE

### CHEVY IN RACING

**SNIPPETS**—A good source says Chevy comes into the racing picture in 1960 . . . and no radical changes planned for the 60 Corvette . . . Ted Davis, the Grand Prix restaurant sage who taught this observer how to develop the forehead to extend to the neck, predicts much faster speeds for women race drivers. Reason, he says, is that Alberto Vargas, noted delineator of the feminine form, reports the dolls feet are getting bigger . . . Incidentally, Doodles

I salute Cloyd Gray for having the guts to black-flag those drivers

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## 1960 Racing Slate Set

PARIS, Nov. 3—Federation Internationale d'Automobile announces the 1960 auto road racing calendar and has made two minor changes in the point system which determines the world's racing driver championship.

One point will be awarded toward the championship to drivers finishing sixth in Grand Prix events.

Formerly only the top five placers received points.

Awarding a point to the driver with the fastest lap time in a Grand Prix race has been dropped. The other provisions of the point system — eight points for first, six for second, four for third, three for fourth and two for fifth — remain unchanged.

Important events for the championships (Formula I Racing & Sports Cars):

Jan. 31—Argentine Grand Prix (Form I).

Feb. 6—1000 kilometers, Buenos Aires (sports and grand touring cars).

Feb. 14—Buenos Aires Gr. Prix (no points).

March 26—12 hours, Florida (sports and grand touring).

May 8—Targa Florio, Italy (sports and grand touring).

May 22—1000 kilometers, Nurburgring, Germany (sports and grand touring).

May 29—Monaco Gr. Prix (Form I).

May 30—Indianapolis 500 miles.

June 5—Dutch Gr. Prix (Form I).

June 19—Belgium Gr. Prix (Form I).

June 25—Le Mans 24 hours (sports and grand touring).

July 3—French Gr. Prix (Form I).

July 16—English Gr. Prix (Form I).

July 31—German Gr. Prix (Form I).

Aug. 14—Portuguese Gr. Prix (Form I).

Aug. 20—British Tourist Trophy (sports and grand touring).

Sept. 2—Grand Prix of Europe and Italy (Form I).

Oct. 30—Marruecos Gr. Prix (Form I).

Nov. 6 or 13—Venezuela Gr. Prix (sports and grand touring).

Dec. 10—United States Gr. Prix (Form I).

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LAGUNA SECA ACTION—Skip Hudson, Ferrari-Maserati, is followed by Sam Weiss, Porsche RSK; Jack Flaherty, Jag-Lister, and Chuck Howard, Chev. Huffaker Sp., through turn nine on the first lap. Howard took over on next lap, later refused to continue after being black-flagged. Pat Pigott won in Lotus.

(Photo by Herb Carroll)

## S.A. VICTORY FOR HILLMAN

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Oct. 28—

A Hillman Minx Special Saloon averaged over 70 m.p.h. to win its class in Ecuador's 250 mile road race "Entre Rios y el Mar," between Rivers and the sea.

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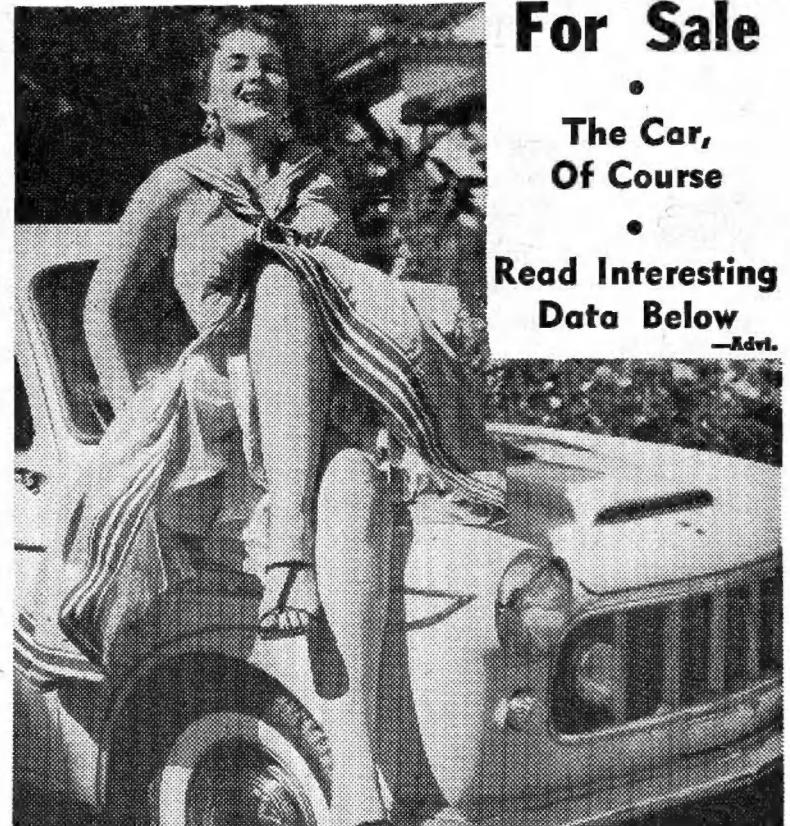
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First issue of MOTORACING was published in October, 1955. It was Volume 1, No. 1.

Following are some of the news highlights taken from the first issue of each publishing year:

**VOL. 1, NO. 1**—Ernie McAfee, who won the last three Cal Club main events, was the choice to win at Torrey Pines in Bill Doherty's famed 3-liter Ferrari. . . A terrific storm was brewing after banning of the little sedans at Torrey Pines. . . Drivers and fans mourned the death of Jimmy Dean, promising actor-pilot killed in a highway accident when his Porsche crashed on the way to a No. Calif. race. . . CSCC membership reached 1026. . . Greswick von Kneissel reported the first new Lotus Mk. IX arrived in LA and was delivered to George and Myra Buchanan.

**VOL. 2, NO. 1**—Plans were bared for a Sports Car Club—restaurant, bar and club catering to motoring enthusiasts. . . Phil Hill and Carroll Shelby became entrants for the 1st. Natl. SCCA races at Palm Springs. . . John Fitch was a double winner in a D-Jaguar at Thompson, Conn. . . SCCA Natl. Contest Board banned Watkins Glen course as hazardous. . . More than 200 attended the MOTORACING party at the Press Club, Ambassador Hotel, honoring Phil Hill following his return from racing in Europe.

**VOL. 3, NO. 1**—John von Neumann was victorious in a 2.5-liter Ferrari at Sacramento. . . First place prize of \$8000 (not pesos) was announced for the big Acapulco rally in Mexico. . . Jay Chamberlain, Lotus distributor, was off to London, where he was offered a Formula I car for next season. He was to test the car near Paris. . . MOTORACING was made available to thousands attending the London Auto Show.

**VOL. 4, NO. 1**—Chuck Daigh won the Times-Mirror GP in a Chevy-Scarab at Riverside Raceway. . . John von Neumann was the victor at Vaca Valley in a 4.1 Ferrari. . . The LA SCCA voted to request the Natl. Contest Board to sanction pro-amateur races.

**VOL. 5, NO. 1**—Pat Pigott won at Laguna Seca in a Lotus after black-flagging (for course deviations) removed earlier leaders from contention. . . Dates for the 2nd annual American Intl. Rally were announced, and Duane Sparks was named as rallymaster. . . Pro racing movement spreads to No. Calif. . . Rumors that the US Grand Prix would not be held Dec. 12 at Sebring, Fla., were denied.

## LAGUNA SECA SUNDAY SUMMARY

G&H prod. & H mod. 24 laps. 71.28 mph avg.—1. Jones, Lotus C; 2. Eyerly, E, Snively, AH 100-6. B&C prod. 20 laps. 75.36mph avg.—1. Porterfield, Corvette; 2. Geddes, Corvette; 3. Lane, Corvette. E, Porterfield, C, Rairdon, MB. F prod. 25 laps. 72.89mph avg.—1. Conrad, Porsche S.; 2. Handley, Alfa V; 3. Hathaway, Alfa V. D&E prod. 26 laps. 76.02mph avg.—1. Spencer, AC Bristol; 2. Harrick, Porsche C.; 3. Kunstle, Porsche C. D. Spencer;



USAC Road Racing official Truman Vencill will play a part again in the 1960 American Intl. Rally, dates for which have just been set. Here he is with the '59 rally queen, pretty Dorothy Johnson.

(Photo by Ken Parker)

## EDITORIAL

This issue of MOTORACING is Volume 5, No. 1 . . . which means the start of the fifth year of publication.

The past four years have seen MOTORACING grow and earn the respect of those who favor undiluted news minus the tinge that comes from outside pressures.

Comments have been, and will continue to be, trenchant and hard-hitting. If certain cars keep losing wheels at races, you will read it in MOTORACING (nowhere else), advertisers to the contrary notwithstanding.

For our growth and acceptance, we thank our many subscribers and increasing number of advertisers (give this the eyeball). You have made it possible.

We hope for your continued support, and look forward to an even bigger and better year ahead.

## NORTHWEST SCCA NAMES WINNERS

SEATTLE, Wash.—The Northwest Region of the SCCA has announced its points winners, based on 7 races in 1959.

Class B: Tad Davies, Corvette; Class C: Roy Rairdon, MB 300SL; Class D: Al Doyon, AC Bristol; Class E: Dave Tatton, TR3; Class F: Don Tindall, Alta Vel; Class G: Hal Rudow, Alfa; Class H: Sherrill K. Smith, AH Sprite and Class I: Paul Scott, Fiat Abarth.

The year's modified winners were Class B: Don Jensen, Pontiac Sp; Class C: Lew Florence (Overall highpoint driver), Ferrari 3.5; Class D: Dave Tatton; Class E: Dr. Frank Becker, Ferrari 1.9; Class F: Pete Lovely, Lotus Mk. XV; Class G: Ron Lee, Lotus Mk. XI and Class H: Donivan McCune, Fiat Abarth.

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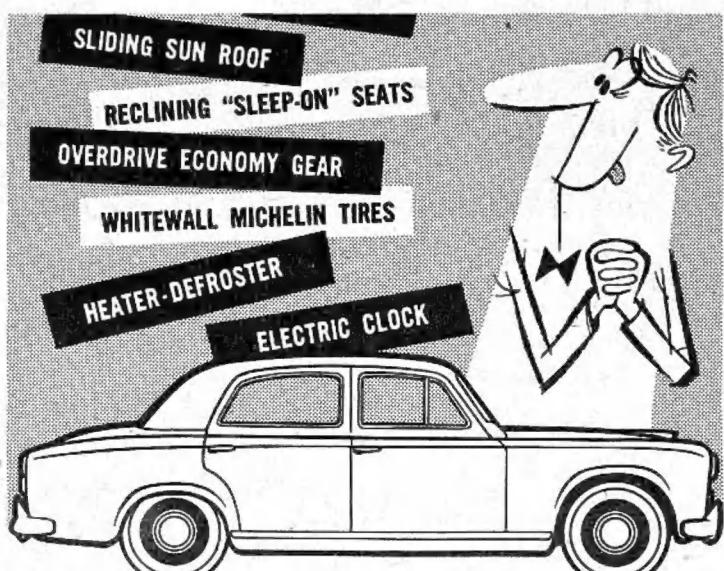
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## L.A. SCCA Nominees

The race for regional executive of LA SCCA is between Hal Daunis, who has been acting as treasurer, and Dr. Chet Burgraff. Daunis is the Nominating committee representative; Dr. Burgraff's nomination was accepted from the floor at the latest meeting.

Don Schoenert, early choice of the committee, withdrew as candidate.

Other candidates: V.P., Harry Gray, Duane Alan; sec'y, Jane Sullivan; activities chm., Sam Caldwell; directors, Lindley Bothwell (automatic), Denny Shutes, Joe Bechtel, Jim Petersen, Daunis, Howard Campbell and John English.

Local SCCA has announced races will be held at Palm Springs, Jan. 20-21.

One of the best-kept secrets is the San Diego SCCA's races at Hourglass Field, Nov. 14-15. Races originally were set for Nov. 7-8. Nobody ever bothered to inform the press of the change. Many queries were made by readers of monthly magazines, which still listed a Palm Springs race for Nov. 7-8.

So fouled-up has the SD SCCA press situation been that drivers reported to MOTORACING they obtained Hourglass entry blanks from the rival Cal Club!

## PONTIAC SPECIAL WINS AT SHELTON

SHELTON, Wash., Oct. 11 — Don Jenson, driving his Pontiac Spl., roared to an overall win at the final race of the Northwest Region's 1959 season, to beat Lew Florence, local overall highpoint driver, in his 3.5 Ferrari.

Jerry Grant was 3rd on a Chrysler-Kurtis, followed by Tom Meehan in a Pacer. The big production race was won by Ray Rairdon in a Mercedes 300SL, with Jim Hughbanks 2nd in a Corvette.

## JOHN GREEN MOVES HEADQUARTERS

The John Green Corporation, distributor of Renault and Peugeot cars, has moved into their new Southern California Executive headquarters at 2250 E. Imperial Highway, El Segundo, adjacent to Los Angeles International Airport. The new telephone number is ORegon 8-7117.

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### WATCH FOR IT!

The next issue of MOTORACING will feature Ken Parker's thrilling aerial photos of the \$10,000 American International Rally. The cars, which had started 3 days before from 8 points in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, were photographed as they passed through the scenic Grand Canyon and Zion areas.

### Vignettes

By Gus V. Vignolle

- Charity's Slice
- Photogs Boo
- Rap Cal Club

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Weaver is now at the piano bar at the GP. The guy's terrific . . . and at the Motor Sports Bar, Encino, Bill Loadvine has lined up Jess Stacy, one of the country's top jazz pianists . . .

Got a loose \$550,000 floating in your jeans? If so, you can buy Riverside Raceway . . . Eleanor von Neumann flew her 4.1 Ferrari to the factory in Italy (she hoped) to install disc brakes and fix the oil pressure trouble. But it only got as far as London, where it remained for seven days. Richie Ginther is in Italy, and they're all frantic because they want the car in time to race it at Nassau late this month . . . Jim Matthews, longtime driver of that English car notorious for its overheating characteristics, is no longer at the mike at KNX; he's now in the real estate business . . .

### \$10,000 PRIZE?

Sam Weill of Competition is on a five-week trip in Europe. The VW-Porsche exec is on a dealers' tour of the factories . . . Affable Bill Smyth, the USAC road racing division chief, reports Braniff has a flight that leaves Dallas Dec. 11 to Sebring, returns non-stop right after the race . . . Rumble: first prize for the 1960 American Int'l. Rally will be \$10,000, including accessory scratch . . . Chuck Stevenson was really sad he turned down the chance to go with Ted Sparks in the '59 edition. Les Scott filled the breach and they won in a Rambler. The Mexican road race star found out there's dough in this rallying business . . .

Rene Pellandini, Lew Spencer and the rest of the Worldwide Import crew have been working day and night readying a tremendously flossy exhibit (3 Morgans & 2 ACs, cpe. & rdstr.) for the 37th L.A. Int'l. Auto Show at the Pan-Pacific, Nov. 13-22 . . . Want a good racing bargain? It's a Citroen Spl. modified roadster, DS19 equipped, with special high gear available, special pistons, Isky cams, etc. Contact Chuck Metcalf at VE 8-4839, or Stu Haggart, VE 9-2696.

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BACK IN FORM—Leading Corvette driver Andy Porterfield streaks by Starter Andy Anderson, lapping a Mercedes driven by Peter Culkin, to win the big-bore production race at Laguna Seca, ahead of Dean Geddes.

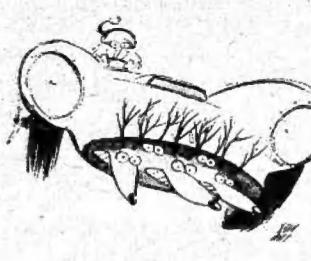
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"It's nice, but before we decide don't you think we ought to see what Borgward, Corsair, Simca, Goliath, Lark, Rambler, Volkswagen, Falcon, Hillman, Renault, Peugeot, DKW, Opel, Consul, Fiat, Dauphine, Morris, Sunbeam, Singer, Prinz, BMW, Datsun, Valiant, Austin, Volvo, Saab, and Lloyd have to offer?"

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HERE'S THE new British Morris Mini-Minor. Below is an honest appraisal in pocket road test No. 1, by MOTORACING's Henry N. Manney III.

### Pocket Road Test No. 1

## Honest Report On Morris Mini-Minor

BY HENRY N. MANNEY III

MOTORACING Staff Writer

LONDON—Possibly by now the news has filtered over from the old country that BMC has produced something radical and new in the way of baby cars. We had a chance, through the offices of Morris, to borrow one of these little varmints.

I don't need to tell all you cognoscenti that English cars are generally engineered for English conditions (high price of gas, low rear end ratio for good acceleration with no power on crowded roads) and this one is no exception, with the proviso that I don't see how it can help becoming a success on the Continent as well.

The specifications, briefly, for the Mini Minor (which differs only from its sister Austin Se7en in name and grille), embrace a single-carburetor water-cooled four as used in the Sprite or A40 except for a shortened stroke to 850cc set transversely across the frame just behind the grille. This little mill has a rather enlarged pan which contains gearbox (also crosswise) and a differential, which promptly feeds the mountains of power through rubber inner and Rzeppa constant "ferocity" u-joints to the 10-inch front wheels.

The whole business is independently sprung on what looks to my unpractised eye like the sort of rubber doughnut that one used to buy in joke shops but actually is a synthetic rubber gizmo trapped between two steel cones.

The body is a welded up two-door with sliding windows and four seats which give a lot more room than the 1.5 Riley, for example, yet the car is some inches shorter than the Fiat 600 and quite a bit lower. The body-work is single skin throughout and thus gives an impression of being tinny which, of course, is entirely right. It IS tinny and the finish is rather poor but there is no resonance or annoying rattles such as one finds

in a lot of more heavily-built automobiles.

Driving it is a real kick. The little monster will do 70 or so and aided by the fwd and rack and pinion steering which is very light but free from kick-back, pull 70 around most of the corners as well.

There are disadvantages; the four-speed gearbox is horrid, being sticky, inclined to crunch, and having the floor lever at full stretch away under the dash board. Also there was quite a bit of gear noise, but leave us note that this was a hard-thrashed press test model that had been through other hands than mine. People who had tried other examples, however, had much the same complaint, but I have no doubt that BMC will straighten that out. What really attracted me, though, as a long time sports car driver and Giulietta and Fiat 600 owner, was the absolute positive placing of the "Sputnik" by the fwd and steering and how one could go hairy flatters over the vilest surface without control being impaired in any way or the automobile leaping about.

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Two of Browns Aston Martins won the LeMans 24-hr. race last June.

## U.S. CARS TRY FOR TOP MILEAGE

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Cars will be given equal amounts of gasoline and will be run to a dead stop, with the winners being the cars which have gone the greatest distances. A minimum average speed of 25mph must be maintained.

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# RALLY SPARKS

By DUANE SPARKS

AMERICAN INT'L. RALLY POST MORTEM—Now that the first American International Rally is history, and the prize money is all spent, we can settle down to the regular weekly events on our local circuits.

As the vivid memories of specific moments on the rally begin to fade, a clearer picture of the enormity of the whole thing becomes apparent. When you consider that there were some 200,000 contestant miles plus at least as many more logged by the officials and workers, all without serious accident or injury, it becomes obvious that everyone concerned is deserving of kudos for a job well done.

With nearly 300 people working on the event, all personnel were at appointed stations on time and carried out assigned jobs even though most were on a volunteer basis. It's really quite a sport, you know, that can cause so many people to serve so well under sometimes trying physical conditions just for the fun of it.

One thing is certain. The rally will rapidly build a fine tradition and a wide reputation. Next year's dates of Nov. 7-11 cannot help but bring good luck. The FIA has not only listed the event but has granted it championship status for

world point standings, so that the caliber of competition will be on an even higher level. With the midsummer pro event to stimulate interest both in the east and the west, a field of 200 cars seems assured at this point. But enough of next year's dreams; let's take a look at local activity for this November.

Last week all the local chapters of the Four Cylinder Club of America presented their annual Field Day at the Riverside Raceway. Upwards of 200 cars participated in the five events offered, including a navigational rally to the track, (won by son Jack and his new navigator) an acceleration and braking test, a slalom, gymkhana and lap time trials. Despite high winds and lots of dust, a good time was had by all.

Coming up in Escondido this week-end is the final SCCSCC championship navigational rally of the current season, the Rally of the Stars presented by the Palomar Sports Car Club. This will be a 9-hour rally starting at 6:30 a.m. Sunday in Escondido. This will be the last opportunity to improve your standings this year, so dust off those counters, and we'll see you at the starting line.

### VARIOUS RALLY RESULTS

SOUTHWEST SCC RALLYE DE NO SNAILO IV SEPT. 12 BILL BRANDES R.M. 62 CARS

POS.	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	CLUB	CAR	ERROR
1.	Bob Piercy	Larry Harris	SMFCCA	Alfa	23:45
2.	Don Blunt	Bob Piety	LBDSCC	Hawk	33:21
3.	Jerry O'Brien	Don Simpson	NASCAD	Porsche	33:25
4.	Ron Jones	George Taylor	SDSCC	Porsche	36:20
5.	Harold Guess	Bert Johnston	MRSSC	Porsche	37:21
6.	Dick Ecker	Bill Keife	SGVFFCA	Corvette	41:47
7.	Bill Doyle	Marge Moyer	SMFCCA	A-H	44:34
8.	Doug Worthy	Pennie Worthy	SMFCCA	Alfa	47:28
9.	Dick Kermode	Bill Costley	CPCCA	TR-3	49:08
10.	Walt Scholl	Muriel Scholl	FSSCC	A-H	51:35
11.	John Hill	Bob McGonigal	NASCAD	TR-2	53:51
12.	Howard Frank	Nick Marchal	SMFCCA	A-H	1:02:16
13.	R. E. Anderson	John Tyler	PSCC	MG A	1:05:13
14.	Wayne Brown	Pat Venable	R M	Corvette	1:06:00
15.	Jim Traubher	Frank Herman	SMFCCA	TR-3	1:06:17
16.	Julie Dearth	Betty Hill	SMFCCA	MG A	1:09:11
17.	Virg Herman	Ginny Herman	NESSC	A-H	1:09:42
18.	Lou Standly	Bill Sween	CFCCA	Ferrari	1:10:29
19.	Frank McDonald	Laura McDonald	R M	Jaguar	1:13:39
20.	Wanda Taylor	Charles Kenyon	SDSCC	Porsche	1:14:41
21.	Phil LaBarge	Tom Lardie	T M	Alfa	1:18:31
22.	Bill Chester	Elizabeth Chester	SMFCCA	Corvette	1:18:55
23.	Bob Trimble	Marge Trimble	NESSC	Vauxhall	1:19:16
24.	Dick Coulter	Al Nesbit	SMFCCA	MG A	1:19:31
25.	Bill Eichelkraut	C. K. Enoch	MRSSC	190 SL	1:19:50

RALLYMASTERS SCRATCH ONE SEPT. 20 BILL CHESTER R.M. 56 CARS

POS.	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR	CLUB	CAR	ERROR
1.	Ted Sparks	Mike Goodwin	Salinas SCC	V W	4:28
2.	Wayne Brown	David Brown	PSCC	Corvette	10:04
3.	Lee Kelso	Terry Kelso		Corvette	17:14
4.	Charlotte Nesbitt	Ruth Piercy	SMFCCA	Corvette	17:46
5.	Hal Wood	Chris Wood	SWSCC	Porsche	18:19
6.	Pat Bryan	Jean Bryan	TROC	Alfa	19:11

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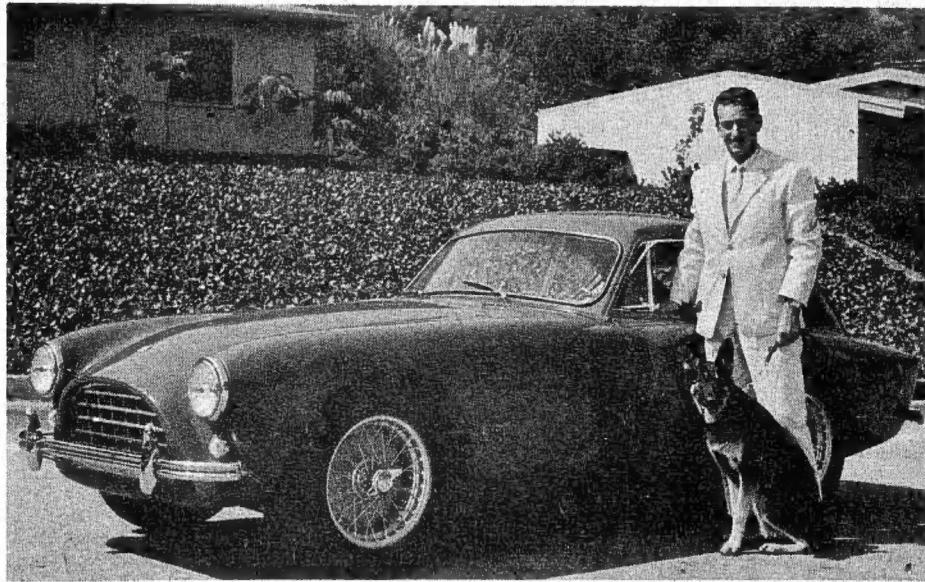
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